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SUBJECT: STATUS OF GERMAN RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS
TO IMF ARTICLES

REF: STATE 66228

1. THE DRAFT LAW TO AMEND THE IMF ARTICLES HAS NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT BECAUSE IT RAN INTO A NUMBER OF INTERMINISTERIAL WRANGLES, THE MAIN ONE OF WHICH WAS AN ATTEMPT BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO HAVE SPECIFIED IN THE GERMAN IMF LAW THAT INSTRUCTIONS TO GERMAN IMF REPRESENTATIVES MUST BE COORDINATED WITH IT. THIS IN TURN LED OTHER MINISTRIES TO DEMAND AN EQUAL STATUS. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE ISSUE HAS NOW BEEN RESOLVED, THAT THE LEGAL COORDINATING MECHANISM REMAINS UNCHANGED AND THAT THE LAW CAN NOW BE EXPECTED TO GO TO THE BUNDESTAG SOON WHERE NO GREAT DIFFICULTIES ARE EXPECTED.

2. COMMENT: THE FINANCE MINISTRY/FOREIGN OFFICE
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CONFLICT CONCERNING THE FOREIGN OFFICE ROLE IN INSTRUCTIONS TO GERMAN IMF REPRESENTATIVES DEALT LARGELY WITH FORMALITIES ONLY, I.E., IF THE GERMAN IMF LEGISLATION SHOULD SPECIFY THAT INSTRUCTIONS COULD BE GIVEN ONLY "IN COORDINATION" WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE -- AS IT DOES SPECIFY IN THE CASE OF THE BUNDESBANK. IN PRACTICE, RELEVANT ISSUES ARE

AND HAVE BEEN CLEARED WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE WHO,
IF IT DISAGREES, ALWAYS CAN TAKE ANY SPECIFIC MATTER
INTO THE CABINET.
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